

lecture on astronomy. A vivid description of the solar system was emphasized by illustrations of the heavenly bodies thrown on a screen by means of a stereopticon. Among those who attended and were most enthusiastic as to its merits were Mrs. Thomas H. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Allen, Mrs. Oscar Bradford, Mrs. Charles Dahler, Miss Rosenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. James Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin.

Miss Williams and Miss Magnus entertained the Helena Literary society on Monday night at their rooms in the Porter flats.

E. W. Knight, Jr., is up from Miles City to open his home at Lenox, preparatory to his moving in when he returns to the First National bank on Monday next.

J. S. Tooker has gone to San Diego, California, in the hope of benefiting his health.

Mrs. James U. Sanders is very ill at St. Paul with pneumonia. She was returning to Helena after the fall and winter in New York City. Mrs. W. F. Sanders has gone on to be with her until she recovers and can continue her journey.

Tuesday evening the Misses Blaine entertained a few young people at whist, and on Monday invited another group who enjoyed high five. Pretty prizes and favors were given to the winning ones. Among those present were Miss Cory, Miss Ashby, Miss Hauser, Miss Cullen and Miss Pope.

Miss Franklin had a card party on Tuesday night. Those who enjoyed her hospitality were Miss Rosenbaum, Mr. Arnold and Mr. Craig.

Miss Maud Stewart gave a whist party Monday evening in honor of her sister, Miss Blanche Stewart, at the home of Granville Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Maginnis have gone to Southern California and will be joined later in the season by Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Bach.

H. B. Palmer is enjoying a vacation from business cares by taking a month to do the midwinter fair.

Mrs. Mayor Ambrecht of Toston has been visiting at Judge Hunt's for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Gates gave an informal musicale at the Grandin block Tuesday evening.

Mrs. B. Ferguson is out again, after an illness of a week.

Miss Mabel Crutcher had a whist evening on Friday. Those present were Miss Frankie Esler, Miss Evangeline Cope, Lilian Cullen and Masters Walter Knight, Alexander Botkin and Brooks Sharpe.

IN THE GARDEN CITY.

MISSOULA, Jan. 20.—It has been a gala week in Missoula. Society has been in a gay whirl all the time. On Monday night everybody turned out to see Herr Bandmann play *Shylock* in the "Merchant of Venice," assisted by Mrs. Bandmann and a company of local amateurs, and to-night society turned out in as large numbers to see the performance repeated, this time for charity's sake. The performance Monday evening was a genuine surprise and many who had come to scoff remained to praise. From a critical, patronizing state of mind the audience soon became sympathetic and then enthusiastic. The "Merchant of Venice" is perhaps the most delightful of all Shakespeare's comedies and the story of Bassanio's selfish adventure, of Antonio's sacrifice and *Shylock's* greed, and of the final triumph of right by means of *Portia's* clever legal quibble was delightfully told by the young ladies and gentlemen who had been carefully schooled by Herr Bandmann. There was an easiness and naturalness in the action and in the stage groupings that evidenced the experienced and artistic mind of the instructor. To be sure, the stage settings were abominable and in many instances incongruous, but the amateurs entered so fully and heartily into the spirit and action of the play that it was easy to forget the imperfections of the stage.

Herr Bandmann was, of course, the pre-eminent figure of the performance. He demonstrated fully that he has lost none of that remarkable power that made his impersonation of *Shylock* famous years ago. It is not easy to conceive of a more consummate piece of acting than his rendition of the scene after he discovers his daughter's elopement. It was magnificent. Mrs. Bandmann as *Portia* was delightful. She was quaint and clever in the first act, modest and beautiful in the second scene, and her delivery of the "mercy" appeal in the court scene was dignified and forcible. Miss Freeman made a charming *Jessie* and gave evidence of unusual dramatic talent. Perhaps her best scene was her parting with her servant *Lanceolot* in the second act. Her voice is clear and strong and full of feeling. Mrs. May as *Nerissa* made a pretty companion for *Portia*, and recited her lines gracefully.

Of the gentlemen amateurs, Mr. Webster made a graceful and dignified *Antonio* and rendered his part in a manner which was acceptable to the audience. Mr. Woodworth as *Bassanio*, the spendthrift adventurer, was excellent. He accepted his friend's kindness as a matter of fact and made love to *Portia* in a business like way that showed that his affection was rather for the deuces which she brought him than for herself. Mr. Slack made an impulsive, impetuous *Gratiano* that was quite in keeping with the character and Messrs. Markel and McCullough as *Solanio* and *Salanio* were excellent, the latter's imitation of *Shylock* being fine and the former's announcement of *Antonio's* ruin being given with eloquence and feeling. Mr. Whitely made a handsome and gallant *Lorenzo* and gave his part with a dash and vigor that was refreshing. Mr. Myers, as *Gobbo*, Mr. Stone as *Lanceolot*, Mr. Greenwood as the jailer, Mr. Green as *Balthazar* and Mr. Hobbittell as *Tubal* and later as the *Duke*, had minor parts which were well rendered. Mr. Hobbittell as *Tubal* deserves especial mention, his action in the scene with *Shylock* being good.

The play was satisfactorily received and will, it is hoped, lead to the presentation before spring of other Shakespearean plays. Herr Bandmann is an excellent instructor and he has among his company some apt students. At the conclusion of the performance Herr Bandmann gave an informal reception to the players and their friends, which made a very pleasant ending to a pleasant evening.

On Tuesday evening, Dr. and Mrs. Buckley entertained a number of their

married friends at whist at their home. A pleasant evening was passed at cards and refreshments were served. Mrs. Hodges and Dr. Lombard won the head prizes, while the booby prizes were gathered in by Mrs. Warden and Dr. Hedger. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Mills, Dr. and Mrs. Hedger, Dr. and Mrs. Robinson, Dr. and Mrs. Lombard, Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lister, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carnahan, Captain and Mrs. Wilson, Captain and Mrs. Hodges, Messrs. Hammond, Marshall, Brunson and Warden, Rev. C. H. Linley, Dr. Sippe and E. Hatheway.

On Friday evening Dr. and Mrs. Buckley gave a similar party to a number of their younger friends and a delightful evening was spent by all. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Tylar Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. Will R. Brayton, Lieutenant and Mrs. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Gould, Dr. and Mrs. Crosby, Lieutenant and Mrs. Leonhauser, Lieutenant and Mrs. McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Evans; Misses Beckwith, Hilde and Eloise Knowles, Helen and Gertrude Hatheway, Robinson, Reeves, Brinson, Warden, Marshall of Spokane, Marshall of Helena, McKibbin, Evans, Straughn and Hillman; Captain Andrews, Dr. Sippe, Dr. Fitzgerald, and Messrs. Barnes, Lyon, George Beckwith, Andrew Beckwith, Keith, Blair, Settle, Van Wart, A. Sterling, Hobbittell and Buford. Miss Beckwith and Mr. Settle won the first prizes and Mrs. Crosby and Mr. Sterling captured the booby prizes.

On Wednesday evening, quite to the surprise of their Missoula friends, Dr. G. P. Mills and Miss Meda West were married at the residence of John D. Ruff, in Hamilton. Both young people are well known here and are popular members of the social elect. Only two of their most intimate friends knew of the intention of the young couple, and the announcement of their marriage was a complete surprise. Dr. and Mrs. Mills returned from the Bitter Root valley Friday, and on that evening Dr. W. P. Mills, brother of the groom, and Mrs. Mills, sister of the bride, gave a reception in honor of the newly wedded pair. The house was brilliantly illuminated and artistically decorated with flowers. In one of the parlors the young people received their friends, and in another parlor the elder Dr. Mills and wife bade the visitors welcome. A dainty luncheon was served in the dining room, the table being decorated with lilies and chrysanthemums. Between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock there was a stream of visitors entering and departing from the house, and their hearty good wishes were evidence of the popularity of the newly married pair. Dr. and Mrs. Mills were the recipients of numerous gifts, notwithstanding the suddenness of their marriage.

On Thursday evening the spacious rooms of the Knowles residence in South Missoula were thrown open to a number of the invited guests of the Treble Clef club. The evening was devoted to a delightful musical programme which the ladies had prepared for their friends. It was a rare treat and no one was willing to believe that the end had come when the last number on the programme was reached. The programme was as follows:

Chorus.....Blue Bells of Scotland
Trebble Clef.
Vocal Solo.....O, Promise Me
Miss Josie Morton.
Guitar Solo.....Selected
Mrs. E. H. Hurlbut.
Vocal Duet—Come and Seek.....Campanini
Messames Moore and Cronkite.
Instrumental Solo.....Selected
Mrs. C. W. Lombard.
Vocal Solo—Salve Maria.....Mercandante
Miss Marie McCormick.
Chorus.....Comin' Thro' the Rye
Trebble Clef.

The ladies who sang in the chorus are Messames Knowles, Cronkite, Hobbittell, Hamilton, Moore, Hurlbut, Catlin, Riley, Riley, Lombard, Smead, Hodger, Kennet and Myers, and Misses Hilda Knowles, Hobbittell, Morton, McCormick and Robinson. The guests were Judge and Mrs. Bickford, Judge and Mrs. Sloan, Dr. and Mrs. Robinson, Messames Reilly, Wilkinson, Warden, Pierce, Hamond, Rowland, Crain, McCormick, Murphy and Stuart, Misses McCormick, Robinson, Eloise Knowles, Sloan and Catlin, and Messrs. J. B. Catlin, H. D. Moore, Lombard, Louis Lyons, James A. Walker, J. M. Hamilton and Hurlbut.

A new social dancing club has been organized under the name of Garden City Dancing club. The club held its first dance last evening at K. P. hall. The party was largely attended and the new club starts out propitiously.

Mr. and Mrs. Tylar B. Thompson entertained a party of friends at their home on Thursday evening at whist.

KANGAROO BALLOTS AT HOME

The Australian System Not the Same in All Parts of the Island.

The Australian system of voting at elections varies in different parts of Australia, says the *Brooklyn Eagle*. In Tasmania the ballots contain the names of all the candidates in nomination for the particular office. On the back they are stamped by the clerk of the peace, who distributes them to the returning officers and they in turn stamp or countersign them before distributing them to the voters. The voter expresses his vote by striking out all names but that he intends to vote for. Provision is made for assistance in making the ballot, but only to those who are blind. In New Zealand the returning officer writes upon the back of the ballot his initials, and upon the lower left hand corner of the ballot on the back the registered number of the voter, and after securing the said corner by gum stamps upon it the returning officer and an interpreter, if necessary, are to retire to a compartment with the voter and mark the ballot as he instructs. In Victoria the period between the days of nomination and voting is to be from 3 to 14 days. The vote is expressed in the same way, and the officers are forbidden in counting to examine the back of the ballot. In New South Wales nominations must be handed in at least seven days before election; the ballot must be signed by the poll clerk. In West Australia the act applies only to elections for the legislature. The ballot is to have a counterfoil attached, and a number is printed or written on the back of the ballot, the same number being written or printed on the face of the counterfoil. The vote is expressed by an X in the square opposite the name voted for. The returning officer's initials are to be placed on the back of the ballot before delivery to the voter, and the voter's name is to be written on the counterfoil. The returning officer is to reject at the counting any ballot "on which is written any matter or thing which is not justified by this act to be written thereon," or in which votes are cast for more candidates than are to be

voted for. It is also provided that "any mark by which the voter may be afterwards identified" will invalidate the ballot. No provision is made for assisting any class of voters. The system has been in use in South Australia since 1858, in Victoria since 1856, in Tasmania since 1858, in New Zealand since 1870, in Western Australia since 1877 and in Queensland since 1874. The advantages derived from the system in Australia were universal confidence in its secrecy and in its simplicity. It has been popular from the first.

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